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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 January 1997

recognizing that the production of certain quality wines in specified regions in Spain, by reason of their qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/85/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 6 (4) thereof,

Whereas, Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 stipulates that any new planting of vine varieties is banned until 31 August 1998; whereas there is provision, however, for Member States to grant in the 1996/97 and 1997/98 wine years authorizations for new vine planting for areas intended for the production of:

- quality wines produced in specified regions (psr), and
- table wines designated as one of the following: 'Landwein', 'vin de pays', 'indicazione geografica tipica', 'vino de la tierra', 'vinho regional', 'regional wine', etc., for which the Commission has recognized that production, by reason of its qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand;

Whereas applications to apply this provision as regards certain quality wines psr were submitted by the Spanish Government on 3 December 1996;

Whereas the scrutiny of these applications concluded that the quality wines psr in question fulfil the requisite

conditions; whereas the limit of 3 615 hectares laid down by the Regulation has not been exceeded;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The quality wines psr listed in the Annex hereto fulfil the conditions laid down in the second subparagraph of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, provided that the increase in surface area listed in the same Annex is complied with for all the quality wines psr of the same region.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 9 January 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31.

ANNEX

<i>(in hectares)</i>		
Autonomous community	Designation of origin	New plantings
ANDALUCIA	Málaga	30
ARAGÓN	Somontano	30
CANARY ISLANDS	Tacoronte-Acentejo Lanzarote La Palma Ycoden-Daute-Isora El Hierro Valle Orotava Abona Güimar	Total Canary Islands 90
CASTILE-LA MANCHA	Méntrida Almansa	120 40 Total Castile-La Mancha 160
CASTILE-LEON	Bierzo Cigales Ribera del Duero Rueda Toro	Total Castile-Leon 535
CATALONIA	Alella, Bages, Penedés, Priorato, Tarragona, Terra Alta Conca de Barberá, Costera del Segre Ampurdán-Costa Brava	500 91 14 Total Catalonia 605
GALICIA	Rías Baixas Ribeiro Valdeorras Ribeira Sacra Monterrei	Total Galicia 240
RIOJA	Rioja	1 060
NAVARRRE	Rioja	140
BASQUE COUNTRY	Rioja Chacolí	325 5 Total Basque Country 330
VALENCIA	Utiel-Requena	150
		Total Spain 3 370